

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A bone spreader ~~for spreading bone parts apart, comprising two~~ tubular pin holders [[(7)]] which are connected to one another by a parallel guide system (1, 4, 5) and are ~~intended for~~ ~~configured to receive~~ two pins [[(13)]] ~~that are configured~~ to be connected to the bone parts that are to be spread apart, ~~and~~ at least one pin holder [[(7)]] having a locking device (12, 14) for a pin [[(13)]] located therein thereon,
~~characterized in that~~ ~~wherein~~ the pins [[(13)]] have at least one transverse groove [[(14)]] ~~formed~~ ~~therein~~ and the locking device is ~~composed of~~ ~~comprises~~ a locking finger [[(12)]] which is guided between a locking position and a release position in a transverse movement tangentially with respect to the pin holder [[(7)]].

2. (Currently Amended) The bone spreader as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ ~~wherein~~ the locking finger (12) is ~~designed as~~ ~~is in the form of~~ a hook which is mounted at [[the]] ~~an~~ open end of the pin holder [[(7)]] closer to the parallel guide system and is pivotable about an axis extending approximately parallel to said pin holder [[(7)]].